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SUBJECT: BERLIN-VIENNA FLIGHTS

REF: (A) STATE 92554; (B) BONN 5500

1. AMBASSADOR AT MAY 15 MEETING WITH FONOFF
POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL FOLLOWED UP SEVERAL EARLIER
APPROACHES BY EMBOFFS TO FONOFF REPS REGARDING OUR
REQUEST THAT FRG POLITICALLY SUPPORT VIS-A-VIS
AUSTRIANS U.S. APPLICATION FOR BERLIN-VIENNA SERVICE BY
PAN AM. VAN WELL WAS RESERVED ON ISSUE, SAYING SUCH
SERVICE VIA CORRIDORS COULD CAUSE TROUBLE WITH SOVIETS,
AND COULD COMPLICATE AND MAKE MORE SENSITIVE MATTER OF
LUFTHANSA LANDINGS IN WEST BERLIN. AMBASSADOR REPLIED
THAT WE ARE CONVINCED OUR LEGAL POSITION ON SUCH CORRIDOR
FLIGHTS IS ABSOLUTELY SOUND AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT,
SOVIETS DID NOT MAKE FUSS OVER BERLIN-AMSTERDAM SERVICE.
AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT FRG WILL
SOON AGREE TO U.S. REQUEST FOR POLITICAL SUPPORT.

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2. COMMENT: THOUGH FONOFF REPS HAVE ADMITTED TO US

THEY HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO BELIEVE THE SOVIETS
MAY SOON BE AGREEABLE TO LUFTHANSA STOPOVERS IN WEST
BERLIN, THE FONOFF SEEMS TO VIEW SERVICES AS THE
PROPOSED BERLIN-VIENNA FLIGHTS AS ONE MORE ITEM WHICH
MAY HAVE AN EFFECT ON WHETHER OR NOT LUFTHANSA IS
EVENTUALLY PERMITTED TO OVERFLY THE GDR AND LAND IN WEST
BERLIN. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON BONN, BUT WE ARE
NOT, AT THIS POINT, SANGUINE.
HILLENBRAND

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